Funds for Assam under ARWSP

1622. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assam Government asked the Centre for allocation of funds for Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals submitted by the Assam Government in this respect, and estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the response of the Centre thereto, stating the funds allocation made under ARWSP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Rural drinking water is a State subject. Therefore, State Governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water facilities in the rural habitations. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments in this direction by providing financial and technical support through a Centrally sposored scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The State Governments are empowered to plan, sanction, implement and utilize the ARWSP funds, as such the State Governments are not required to send proposals project for sanction by Government of India. Release of ARWSP funds is based on inter-State allocation criteria with 40% weightage to population, 35% to geographical factors, 15% to NC/PC habitations and 10% to quality-affected habitations.

During 2006-07, Government of Assam has been allocated and released the following funds under ARWSP

(Rs. in lakh)

Head	Allocation	Release	Remarks
ARWSP(Normal)	16601.00	8300.00	First instalment released
ARWSP Additional	768.00	384.00	First instalment released
School coverage Assistance	-	1732.00	As per State's demand
Submission Projects	-	3590.39	
Swajaldhara	755.00	-	No proposal received from State Government
TOTAL	18124.00	14006.89	

The State Government is yet to submit its proposal for release of second instalment.

Funds to Gujarat under National Rural Development Scheme

†1623. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent, till date, under the National Rural Development Scheme;

(b) the amount allocated to Gujarat under the said Scheme and whether the Ministry is satisfied with this; and

(c) whether data is available with Government regarding the number of minorities benefited out of this, in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development does not implement any scheme by the name National Rural Development Scheme. The Ministry, however, implements a number of Schemes for rural development. Some of these Schemes are demand driven and some are allocation based. Important allocation-based Programmes are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana and Indira Awaas Yojana. Allocation under the Programmes is done in accordance with their norms and guidelines. The Central allocation to Gujarat under these Programmes for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 are Rs.26,283.43 lakhs and Rs.23,679.03 lakhs

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.